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The Applicant cites the Perkin-Elmer product ELAN DRC-e, which was introduced in 2003 (Perkin-Elmer brochure, page 7). ELAN product comprises a lens mount unit with an extraction electrode (Perkin-Elmer brochure, page 4), that is shown in the enlarged format on the attached pages from the Perkin-Elmer Catalog. The ion extraction electrode has a rough surface therein. Though Applicant does not see any correlation between the roughness of inner surface of the extraction electrode of Perkin-Elmer and rod electrodes as claimed in subject application, the information is brought to the Examiner's attention as a background information related to the filed of the invention.

A copy of the Perkin-Elmer brochure and two pages from the Perkin-Elmer Product Catalog is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Consideration and citation of the reference is respectfully requested and deemed in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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